

MILESTONES

- 2001
 - At age 16, Lauren first **discloses** the abuse she endured for six years at the hands of her live-in nanny, Waldina Flores, and learns that she is one of 42 million survivors of child sexual abuse in the U.S.
- October 11, 2002
 - Waldina Flores is convicted.
- 2003
 - Lauren Book passes her first set of **state laws** to protect children from sexual abuse and better serve survivors, the first of nearly two dozen legislative victories in this arena.
- 2007
 - **Lauren's Kids is founded** and becomes an official 501(c)(3).
- April 2010
 - Lauren embarks on her first **'Walk in My Shoes'** awareness and advocacy walk across the state of Florida, walking 500 miles from her childhood home in Miami to the steps of historic Florida Capitol in Tallahassee.
- 2011
 - Lauren's memoir, ***It's OK to Tell***, is released.
- 2011
 - Lauren submits testimony to the Children and Families Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions in response to the Penn State scandal.
- March & April 2011
 - Second **'Walk in My Shoes'** statewide awareness walk; Lauren lengthens the route to walk 1,000 miles across Florida from Key West to Tallahassee during March and April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Jan. & Feb. 2012
 - Third **'Walk in My Shoes'** statewide awareness walk; Lauren lengthens the route to walk 1,500 miles, beginning in Key West and walking north, zig-zagging from coast to coast before reaching the steps of the Historic Florida Capitol in Tallahassee.
- Spring 2012
 - Florida schools begin implementing the Pre-K/Kindergarten installment of Lauren's Kids' ***Safer, Smarter Kids*** prevention education curriculum.
- March & April 2013
 - Fourth **'Walk in My Shoes'** statewide walk. Lauren Book walked 1,500 miles from Key West to Tallahassee during March and April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- April 2013
 - In the wake of the Penn State scandal, Lauren's legislative advocacy helps influence the passage of the **toughest abuse reporting law** in the country, designating ALL Floridians as mandatory reporters of suspected abuse and increasing penalties for failure to report.
- 2013
 - Following the expansion of Florida's mandatory reporting law, Lauren's Kids and the Florida Department of Children and Families roll out the **"Don't Miss the Signs"** campaign, educating adults on the signs of abuse and their responsibility to report; the award-winning awareness campaign has been replicated throughout the country.
- Spring 2013
 - State of Florida and Lauren's Kids create ***Safer, Smarter Kids*** abuse prevention education curriculum for children with special needs and Trauma Informed Care training for foster parents who foster children with sexual abuse backgrounds.
- Summer 2013
 - Governor Rick Scott signs law to create Lauren's Kids specialty license plate.
- December 2013
 - Lauren Book is named the 2013 **L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth** by actress Lea Michele.
- March & April 2014
 - Lauren Book walks 1,500 miles across the state of Florida for the fifth time, empowering survivors with the message that ***It's OK to Tell***, and preventing abuse through education and awareness. Lauren's advocacy helps pass the **most comprehensive legislative package** on child protection in the history of the state of Florida.
- April 2014
 - Lauren is named one of Cosmopolitan Magazine's **'Fun, Fearless Females.'**

May 2014

- Lauren travels to The Bronx to implement her *Safer, Smarter Kids* abuse prevention curriculum, thanks to funding from The New York Yankees Foundation. From there, she heads to The Hague, Netherlands to deliver a keynote address in front of government officials and experts preceding their first-ever study on child sexual abuse in Holland.

July 2014

- Lauren travels to Barbados with **Crime Stoppers International** and **UNICEF** to tackle child sexual abuse in the Caribbean, following news of an outbreak of childhood HIV and AIDS because of child sexual abuse.

August 2014

- Pilot testing for *Safer, Smarter Kids* grades 1 – 3 begins in Florida, with grades 4 – 5 and middle and high school to follow in 2015.

October 2014

- Lauren travels to Cape Town, South Africa to speak at the **Crime Stoppers International Conference** and teach lessons from *Safer, Smarter Kids*.

February 2015

- Children's book, *Lauren's Kingdom*, is released.

March & April 2015

- Lauren Book will walk the state of Florida for the sixth time, bringing total miles walked in the name of child protection to **7,500** since 2010.



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